

AMERICORPS SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Guidestone Colorado Land Link Coordinator

Service Sites: Guidestone Colorado - Salida, CO

- Travel to Colorado sites in the Land Link database and for outreach events, conferences, etc.
- Remote work possible

Position: Part Time Full Year

<http://www.guidestonecolorado.org>

Brief Program Description

The Mountain Roots Healthy Futures Program builds community among education initiatives, public health and human services, and agricultural/conservation programs in the central Rocky Mountains and southwestern Colorado. Community-driven initiatives in the Healthy Futures Program include Farm to School, Sustainable Agriculture & Community Gardens, and Community Food Security (Hunger Solutions), working together to build and sustain healthy communities, healthy people, and a healthy environment.

Guidestone is a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization whose mission is growing a vibrant agricultural future through education, community building and partnerships. Guidestone has four cornerstone programs that help meet this mission: Farmhands Education Programs, the Farm to School Program, Colorado Land Link, and the Hutchinson Homestead & Learning Center. Guidestone serves farmers, educators, youth, and the community by providing farm-based education programs and supporting and growing the capacity of agricultural resources to help ensure a secure agricultural future.

Service Description:

Land Link AmeriCorps Members are part of a team that works with Guidestone Colorado Land Link staff and volunteers to create innovative solutions to the challenges of agricultural land access and land succession while providing professional educational and resource support to ranchers, farmers, landowners & land seekers in order to secure agriculture's future on the land. Land Link members engage farmers, ranchers, and community members to keep agricultural businesses and agricultural lands viable. Programs include the Land Link Database, Land Access and Land Transfer Training workshops, one on one consulting and resource support for landowners and land seekers.

Members provide outreach and engagement at community events and within social media accounts to promote Land Link and the organization's programs and mission. Members gain exposure to agricultural practices, statewide land access and water issues, program planning, outreach and engagement practices, and participate in ongoing professional development.

The Land Link Coordinator position will support the overall operations and administration of the Colorado Land Link Program. This person will work directly with the Program Director to support the

work of organizing events that expand the reach of Land Link- connecting landowners and land seekers, as well as improving land access knowledge and opportunities within the state. Specific roles include managing the Land Link database, organizing outreach events, sharing events and resources via our Land Link Instagram and Facebook pages, conversing with farmers, ranchers and landowners, collecting information via phone interviews and during in person site visits, and supporting other organizational events and activities. Organizational skills and outreach experience are highly desired. Some travel and weekend work required. Mileage reimbursement available.

We look for candidates that are passionate, patient, flexible, intelligent, creative, kind, caring, self-motivated team players, and who feel strongly about the importance of connecting kids to the source of their food for the betterment of themselves, their communities, and the larger world. Background or experience with experiential education, environmental studies, sustainable agriculture, local food systems, and health/nutrition, experience working with youth, strong professional communication skills, computer skills, and clean driving record.

AmeriCorps Member Duties

The Land Link Coordinator position will support the overall operations and administration of the Colorado Land Link Program. Duties will include:

- Outreach within farmer and rancher community, specifically beginning farmers and ranchers throughout Colorado (in both rural and urban settings)
- Support preparation for and delivery of land access/land transfer training workshops, special events, conferences, and meetings
- Communicate with landowners and land seekers with guidance/training from Program Director to gather information for Land Link Database and website
- Coordinate communications and marketing efforts with Guidestone staff, to include Facebook and Instagram posts, eblasts via Constant Contact, and notifications/postings in relevant listservs
- Travel to new listing sites with Program Director to gather information and photos
- Update Land Link database regularly with information from applications
- Provide follow-up support for email and phone inquiries

Healthy Futures AmeriCorps Program Benefits

- AmeriCorps Member(s) will receive biweekly living allowance payments depending on term
- Eligible AmeriCorps Members can receive; healthcare benefits and child care assistance.
- All AmeriCorps Members can receive an Education Award upon successful completion of service, professional development and training, attendance at statewide AmeriCorps Member conference, and qualify for Federal Assistance programs and student loan forbearance.
- Free weekly share of produce from the farm (in the growing season) and eggs from the Homestead chickens.
- Free/discounted registration for designated conferences
- Opportunity to participate in adult education classes offered by Guidestone/partner organizations

- Support finding housing in Chaffee County
- Reimbursement for travel expenses related to professional development.

Position Allows/Recommends

- Car recommended
- Permits attendance at school during off hours
- Permits working at another job during off hours

Skills

- Youth Development
 - General Skills
 - Environment / Conservation
 - Team Work
 - Other (please specify): Marketing & Event Planning

Outreach & Engagement Education

- Communications
- Community Organizing
- Agriculture, Farming & Gardening
- Farming
- Community and Economic Development
- Community Outreach

Field of Service

- Health
- Hunger
- Agriculture/ Farming
- Community and Economic Development
- Community Outreach

Education Preferred for this Position

- College graduate
- Masters degree, in process or completed